GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SANITARY STANDARDS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether SAARC proposes to set up a crore group on sanitary and phytosanitary standards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. It was agreed in the second meeting of the SAARC Standing Group on Standards, Quality Control and Measurement held in New Delhi during February 2002 to set up a Core Group to be chaired by India.The Core Group Chairmanship would be on rotation, starting with Nepal. The recommendations of the Group would be presented to the Standing Group to the SAARC Committee on Economic Cooperation.